

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-259-W/S - ORDER NO. 96-575  
AUGUST 22, 1996

IN RE: Complaint/Petition for Rate Reduction	) ORDER GRANTING
and for Decertification filed by	) MOTION TO SET
Concerned Citizens Against Carolina	) HEARING AND
Water, Inc.	) ESTABLISHING
	) PRE-FILING
	) DEADLINES

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("the Commission") on the Motion to Fix Hearing filed by Concerned Citizens Against Carolina Water, Inc. ("CCACW" or "Complainant").

On August 13, 1996, CCACW filed with the Commission a Complaint/Petition for Rate Reduction and for Decertification ("Complaint") against Carolina Water Service, Inc. ("CWS" or "Respondent"). Along with the Complaint, CCACW also filed three motions, one of which is a Motion to Fix Hearing.

By its Motion to Fix Hearing, CCACW requests a hearing on its Complaint. Further, CCACW requests that any hearing on its Complaint be held prior to the hearing scheduled on the proposed transfer of the I-20 system and Lake Murray systems from CWS to the Town of Lexington which is contained in Docket No. 96-235-W/S.

Upon consideration of this matter, the Commission believes that the Motion of the CCACW should be granted. The Commission recognizes that the Complaint of CCACW and the proposed transfer

of the I-20 system are interrelated. Therefore, the Commission finds and concludes that it is in the public interest to schedule the Complaint hearing immediately prior to the hearing on the proposed transfer of the I-20 system to the Town of Lexington. The Commission notes that the hearing on the proposed transfer is scheduled for October 3, 1996. The Commission therefore orders that the hearing in this Docket regarding the Complaint shall begin on October 3, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. with the hearing on the proposed transfer to follow immediately.

As this matter is now set for hearing, pre-filing deadlines for testimony and exhibits must also be established. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann.Reg. 103-869(C) (Supp.1995), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the witnesses for the Complainant (CCACW) shall be pre-filed on or before September 5, 1996, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of witnesses for the Respondent (CWS) or for any other party shall be pre-filed on or before September 19, 1996. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations. Any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The hearing on the Complaint of CCACW contained in the instant Docket (96-259-W/S) is scheduled to begin on October 3, 1996, at 10:30 a.m.

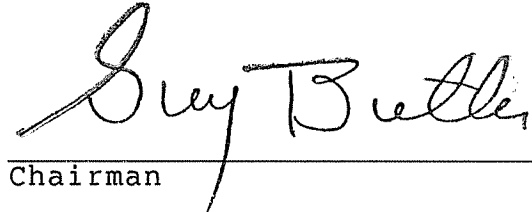
2. The hearing on the proposed transfer of the I-20 system

and other assets of CWS to the Town of Lexington (Docket No. 96-235-W/S) will begin immediately following the hearing in this Docket.


3. In the instant Docket, CCACW shall pre-file the testimony and exhibits of its witnesses, and shall serve copies on all other parties of record, on or before September 5, 1996. CWS and all other parties of record shall pre-file the testimony of their witnesses, and shall serve copies on all other parties of record, on or before September 19, 1996.

4. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy Executive Director  
(SEAL)